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Sunday, March 22, 2026
10:30am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

*For God's glory, to make and deploy mature
and equipped disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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Whether you are a visitor or a member, it is a joy to worship our Lord Jesus Christ with you this morning. Please consider participating in our Discipleship Hour and Community Groups throughout the week as well.

This facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask a Sound Technician for a receiver.

We believe it is right and good for children of all ages to be with the adult community in worship. Please do not hesitate to keep your child with you. However, we do offer Children's Church for 3-5 yr. olds. Those children participating can be dismissed to the children's wing during the song prior to the sermon.

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Because we live in a fallen, broken, sinful world, we can come to Sunday morning worship at times with hearts weighed down with burdens, struggles and concerns. It is not God's will that we shoulder these burdens and concerns alone. Each Sunday immediately following the worship service, there are people at the right front of the church who stand ready to listen to your concerns and to pray with you. So, whatever your concern, no matter how big or small, feel free to come, to share and to be prayed for.

S - denotes congregation Standing

Prepare yourself now for the highest calling of the people of God which is the worship of God in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

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Building Attendant for today: Stephen Streit



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Reflections

Jesus in Luke 5:32: "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Matthew 20:14-15: "Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?"

Assisting with the service today:

- Rev. Ben Clarke, Assistant Pastor of Next Gen and Worship
- Rev. Jonathan Williams, Assistant Pastor of Adult Discipleship

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Jeremiah 33:6-9

Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them. They shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

Responding to the Savior

§ Invocation

§ Song of Praise

Good and Gracious King

I approach the throne of glory; Nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King.

I will give to You my burden as You give to me Your strength.
Come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise.

*Chorus: You deserve the greater glory.
 Overcome, I lift my voice to the King in need of nothing;
 Empty-handed, I rejoice.
 You deserve the greater glory; Overcome with joy I sing.
 By Your love I am accepted; You're a good and gracious King.*

O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend.
Safe, secure in You forever, I pour out my praise again.

Chorus

Bridge (Sing 2x): Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,

Good and gracious, Good and gracious
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious King

Chorus

Introduction of New Communing Member

Eden Noel Hubbard

Hearing from the Savior

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Ronen Ames Hubbard,
Son of John and Victoria Hubbard

Responding to the Savior

Song of Praise

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Hearing from the Savior

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 6:1-6

“Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”
What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Responding to the Savior

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Three ways to give: the Giving Box, online through the website, or mail to the church at PO Box 80787, Simpsonville, SC 29680

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Daniel & Courtney Hightower, RUF @ Clemson University

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.*

§ Songs of Preparation*

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

*Parents who desire may bring their 3-5 yr. olds to the children's wing for Children's Church.

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Chorus: Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my victory wins.
Chorus

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.
Chorus

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
Chorus

Cornerstone Chorus

*Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love.
Through the storm,
He is Lord, Lord of All. (repeat)*

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 2:13-17

¹³ He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul Sanders

"Jesus Came for Sinners"

Week after week we proclaim the Bible because we are convinced it is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. That means that it comes to us from God, so it is true in everything that it claims. Therefore, you can trust it with all of your heart and it will not let you down.

Responding to the Savior

§ Song of Response

Come, Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded sick and sore.
Jesus ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify.
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo the incarnate God ascended, pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

If you have a need or would like to find out more about the Gospel, the Post Worship Team stands ready to meet with you and pray. Simply make your way to the front right-hand side of the sanctuary after the Benediction, and a team member will be there to meet with you.

Space for Notes:

Discussion Questions for Community Groups & Families:

Series: Good New Breaking #7 · Mark 2:13- 17 · “Jesus Came for Sinners”

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for the children and youth:
 - a. Do you need Jesus? Why or why not?
 - b. How can you be a friend to a non-Christian, while not joining in the sinful fun of that friend?
3. How does the calling of Levi (Matthew) challenge our assumptions about who is eligible to follow Jesus?
4. In what ways might we limit the reach of the gospel in our church or community?
5. Are there certain types of people you struggle to welcome or have you ever felt uncomfortable with the idea of grace being extended to someone you consider a “big sinner”?
6. How does understanding your own need for forgiveness impact the way you view and welcome others?
7. How can we reflect Jesus’ open invitation in practical ways—especially toward those who are different from us or whose lives are messy?
8. What steps can you take, personally or as a group, to ensure our church community is welcoming to everyone who seeks Jesus, regardless of their past or present situation?
9. What practical ways can you model discernment and grace in relationships with people who do not share your beliefs or values?

Why Do We Do That?

Covenant Baptism

“Every time we baptize an infant, we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for.” (B.B. Warfield)

Our view of Baptism emphasizes and pictures who God is and what God alone can do for His elect. It points us to what God proclaims and promises. Baptism is a sign and seal of God’s covenant promise to His people, directly instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, in which Jesus has directed that water is to be applied, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It signifies the glorious realities of union with Christ, forgiveness of sins by His blood, regeneration by His Holy Spirit; our adoption, our hope of resurrection to everlasting life, our engagement to be wholly and only the Lord’s, and the admission of a person into the visible church. It is a seal from the King that assures us of the authenticity of the gospel and the benefits we receive in Christ. Baptism fulfilled and replaced the OT sign of God’s covenant of grace, which was circumcision, ending the shedding of blood in gospel signs and picturing the circumcision of the heart to which circumcision pointed.

The waters of baptism do not save anyone. Yet it is a picture of what God says He will do for His people in Ezekiel 36:25-27: “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” It is a new and better sign of God’s covenant of grace to be administered to believers and their children as was circumcision (see the Genesis 17 and Acts 2:39 parallels along with Colossians 2:11-12). Biblical accounts as well as the earliest evidence of church history also affirm the inclusion of households in baptism (Acts 16:11-15, 25-34, 2 Cor 1:16). Covenant Baptism (and especially “infant” baptism) beautifully points to the initiative of God’s love. He reached out to us, when we could not reach out to Him. It is thus a perfect picture of sovereign, saving grace. We pray that God will do for our children what is pictured in their baptisms and we call them early and often to faith and repentance.

Thus, at Christ Community Church, we baptize the children of believers, as well as adult professing believers who have not been previously baptized, in accordance with Scripture. Adults, in this way, are recognized as disciples of Jesus Christ through the means of baptism and profession of faith (see Acts 2:38, 8:35-37, Romans 10:9). It is our great joy and privilege from time to time, to hear new Christians profess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel, and to see them receive the mark of membership in the covenant community. And yet, even in their baptisms, the emphasis remains on who God is and what He has done.

Mark your calendars:

March

- **22:** New Comers' Luncheon, following the service in Youth Room
- **22:** SPUR Groups meet, 5pm
- **27-29:** Women's Ministry Retreat @ Bonclarken
- **29:** No SPUR Groups

April

- **2:** Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm
- **5:** Easter Sunday Services, 8:30 & 10:30 am; Childcare services will be provided (birth through 2yrs old for both services, Children's church for the 2nd service only)

Men and Women: consider joining a Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 9:30am. The men meet in the Conference Room and the Women are meeting in the atrium. See our website for more details.

More information can be found in the Update, on the app, and/or website.

- * *The first Sunday of each month we take a collection of personal care items for the Center for Community Services. Items can be placed in the wagon located next to the Information Desk in the foyer.*
- * *Members can pick up a monthly giving report summary in the Deacons' office.*

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